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Howard County Health Department Goes Virtual for Many Services

Columbia, MD – Following best practices and guidelines during this critical time, the Howard County Health Department will be open for only for essential services. Appointments must be scheduled in advance. Other programs and services are being offered elsewhere or remotely. “Using interventions like social distancing, staying home as much as possible, and continuing hand hygiene, will help limit the spread of this pandemic.” says Dr. Maura J. Rossman, Howard County Health Officer.

Birth Certificate Services:

- No walk-In services available. You can obtain application forms and detailed information for ordering vital records or requesting amendments may be found at www.health.maryland.gov/vsa
- You can visit www.vitalcheck.com
- You can order by mail by sending forms to:
Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 68760, Baltimore, MD 21215
- You can call MDH Vital Records at 410-764-3038, push 1.

Access to Healthcare:

- **Medicaid** – Use the online portal at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov or call 1-855-642-8572
- **MA Transportation Program** – Contact Matransport@howardcountymd.gov Emailed rides will be scheduled within 24 hours. If your appointment is able to be rescheduled to a later date, please do reschedule.

Behavioral Health:

- Programs working virtually. Call 410-313-6202. In a crisis call **410-531-6677** (local) or 211 (statewide)
- Resources and Referrals – [HCHD Behavioral Health Community Services Directories page](#) or [Network of Care Directory of Services](#) (searchable)

Clinical Services:

- **By Appointment Only** – Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the program or 410-313-6300

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Environmental Health:

- **By Appointment Only**
 - For Well & Septic call 410-313-1771
 - For Food Protection Call 410-313-1772
 - For Community Hygiene – 410-313-1773

Visit the Howard County Health Department website at www.hchealth.org for more information and services.

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